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MACAO AT THE CLOSE OF 1908.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

MACAO, December 28.

Optimists who see through the microscope of sympathy, will hail the dawn of 1909 from the threshold of a new era which looms in the near distance roscate with smiling possibilities. There has been a subtle sense of awakening vitality round and about the Colony of late—things are stirring and stimulated by example, young blood seems to have caught up some of the hopeful ardour from the magnetic personality of our Governor H.E. Senhor Rodrigues, who is now looked upon as guide, exemplar and friend.

For a score and odd years Macao has dragged in the wake of the progressive countries of the world, lagging through sad vicissitudes in gradual decadence to the verge of wreck and ruin. Governors with more than ordinary grit and goodwill have, ever and anon, settled at the helm and done their level best to steer clear of shoals and quicksands towards prosperity, but of these Macao has been springing blessed; while hopeless inefficiency in others, let alone a seeming lack of the integrity and high purpose which is a sine qua non of their mission, has all but inclined to retrieve the Colony from the gulf of decay.

But far and away the most antagonistic stumbling-block to progress was the glaring negligence of home politicians on existing conditions in the Far East, famed by a breath of proclivities the reverse of altruistic. Stated in a nutshell, this is the crux, and by a tragic reciprocity, their shortsighted policy has crippled the resources of the Colony and hemmed it round in dire stagnation with a fence of steel. The advent of H.E. Senhor Rodrigues will ever be a landmark at the turning-point of its career. The future is sealed a book, but should even failure attend the strenuous endeavours of His Excellency on behalf of the Colony, his thorough grasp and fearless recognition of actual needs will not fail to press home the truth on those who have and who have not, or on selfish champions of the estate and ruinous administrative system that has hitherto obtained in Macao.

At the end of October last a representative Commission of fifty citizens was appointed by H. E. The Governor to delve into the causes of the prevailing impairment in the economic, social and commercial organism of the commonwealth and to elaborate propositions with a view to a general revival all round. The time-limit allotted for the task was fixed at five months ending with the first quarter of 1909. Europeans and Chinese alike are now engrossed on the duties appertaining to the diverse branches of the Commission, studying from every conceivable standpoint the out-and-out remediation of the administrative framework.

Meanwhile an admirably lucid and comprehensive statement has been forwarded to the Home Government on the manifold advantages inherent on the projected Canton-Macao Railway Line and the subsequent harbour improvements which it must entail.

There is only one element lacking to make the outlook ideally perfect—it is the subservience of the unbiased views of the Home Government to the fatality of their own handicaps.

The various features of Macao have also vastly improved in appearance on the suburban tracts, and a large measure of credit must attach to the enthusiastic impulse set by the Director of the Public Works, Sr. P. Miranda Gusdes. The extensive alterations and improvements in the heart of City are as yet in embryo; but in the long run Macao bids fair to rank high among the little human ingenuity and toil has unjustly sided the lavish hand of Nature.

A pregnant sign of the times is the revival of the Press, after a ten years term of enforced silence. A month ago the *Frederick* was published under the editorship of Sr. Constantino J. da Silva. On the 2nd January next, another weekly the *Vida Nova* will greet the rising generation whose interests are bound with the well-being of the Colony; it is going to befriend. On the editorial staff, such names as Dr. Luis Nolasco, and Messrs F. X. A. da Silva and H. Nolasco da Silva after a reassuring augury for the collection of the newspaper, will drive it away, any to take, easy to try.

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The Principal of St. Paul's College, the
Rev. G. A. Dunbury, in his annual report
states:—The ninth year of work of the
C. M. S. Training College has been marked
by distinct progress both in the Boys' and
in the Students' Departments. It is hardly
necessary to remind our friends that we
have here two classes of Students—boys,
the sons of Christian parents, who are given
a general education and of whom the most
suitable are selected as School-masters in
our Schools in China, and now of at least
23 years of age who are trained as catechists.
The chief hindrances to our work have
been, first the limited character of the
buildings of St. Paul's College, and
secondly, the repeated attacks of beri-beri,
from which this year, as in earlier years, the
College has suffered. The former difficulty,
limited space, will be partly removed by an
agreement between the Bishop of Victoria
and the Church Missionary Society whereby
the whole available room will be placed at
the disposal of the College. The latter, beri-
beri, is a complaint which yearly seems to
increase in severity in South China. Not
this College only, but other educational
institutions in Canton, Wu-chow, and
Swatow have suffered. Hitherto the com-
plaint has defied investigation, and the
report recently issued that the germ had
probably been discovered will be welcomed
by none more gladly than by the authorities
of this College. To set against these
difficulties we have the assistance of the
Rev. A. D. Stewart, whose aid as Vice
Principal is most valuable.

In the Students' Class, the course of
study has been two years, and has recently
been raised to three. The four men who
were drowned with the late Bishop Hoare
would have completed their course, had
they lived, in January 1908. No men went
out at that time, but at the close of this year
we have three students, one from Pakhoi,
two from Shiu-hing, who, having completed
their training, have been accepted by the
Mission as catechists. The Students' Class
has never been so large as this year. Nine
others entered in February last after ex-
amination, and on the recommendation of
native or foreign clergy. One, however
retired.

Of the fifteen members of the class who
have been accepted by the Church Mis-
sionary Society for employment during the
past seven years, four have resigned, two
have been removed by death, one during
this year, and the remainder are still carry-
ing on good and faithful work amid sur-
roundings which often are far from easy.

The general estimation in which the
Students are held is well shown by the
selection of two of them to accompany a
catechist in the distribution of the Alms
of the Church to sufferers from the recent
floods in the San-hing District of the Shiu-
hing Prefecture.

During the year the average number of
boys in the Schools was 80. Of these,
twenty-four were in the Upper School and
thirty-six in the Preparatory School in
Kowloon City. The Preparatory School is
held in an old yamen, the property of the
Colonial Government, who kindly allow
us the use of it at a nominal rental on a
recurring lease. During this, the second
year, good work has again been done by
the little boys under the charge of Mr.
Leung Kin Foon, the head-master, and his
assistant, Mr. Li Si Sam. The health of
the latter has prevented him performing
his duties during the last few months and
his place has been temporarily taken by
Mr. Kwan Tak Yau. Each of these three
young masters are old boys, and their work
has shown that their interest in their old
school has not flagged.

At the beginning of the year this school
was one of four schools which provided for
the needs of the sons of our Christians;
the others being held at Canton, Pakhoi, and
Shiu-hing. All the boys who entered the
College this year had passed through one
or other of these schools. When the Rev.
A. Duff was removed by death in
August it became impossible to continue
that school, at least temporarily, and we
received eight of the boys into the Kowloon
School. Their knowledge of Scripture and
English shows how faithful and thorough
was Mr. Duff's work among these little boys
during the last months of his life, during
which he devoted several hours each day to
them. The Upper School progress has
been steady, but studies suffered a severe
set back when in the middle of May the
outbreak of beri-beri rendered it necessary
to evacuate for a time the College build-
ings. We did our best for the boys, and
our thanks are especially due to the Head-
masters of the Sai-ying-pun and Yau-mai-
tai Government Schools for allowing boys
whose homes were in Hongkong to com-
plete the summer term in those schools.
Mr. Stewart's commencement of work in
the College has made possible more advance-
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this date subject to rent.

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after 4 p.m. this date will be landed.

FRIDAY, January 1.—

Exchange Banks Closed.

Goods per *Benzelich* undelivered after

this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, January 2.—

9 p.m.—Boxing at City Hall.

MONDAY, January 4.—

Goods per *Asia* undelivered at Noon

on this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, January 5.—

5.30 p.m.—Organ Recital, in St. John's

Cathedral.

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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1908.

THE RESTORATION OF NORMAL

CONDITIONS.

The withdrawal by His Excellency the

Governor of the Peace Preservation

Proclamation meets with the universal

approval of the Colony. For some little

time it has been apparent that the steps

taken by the Government in the sequel

of the boycott riots had had a very

salutary effect, so much so that the

threats of intimidation which were so

numerous and so malevolent in the

beginning of October have completely

died away. This combined with the

assurances which the eight banished

Chinamen have given the Governor that

they will have no further connection

with any association likely to disturb

the peace and good order of the Colony

prepared the way for Sir FREDERICK

LOGAN's action of Monday morning.

It was rather a pity that so many

exaggerated and, in many cases, ab-

solutely baseless stories were embroidered

by a too credulous public around the

orders of banishment which the

Governor-in-Council issued against

several prominent Chinese residents in

connection with the riots. These wild

tales were entirely responsible for the

paralysis of trade which for a time

seriously disturbed the equanimity of the

mercantile community, for everyone

must acknowledge that the Government

was absolutely obliged to take steps

more or less drastic towards punishing

those whom they considered to be the

authors, instigators, or abettors of

the November riots. The honour and

good fame of the Colony as a depen-

dency of the British Crown, the

paramountcy of law beneath the British

flag, have now been sufficiently vind-

icated, and matters being restored to their

normal footing, it is to be hoped that

the Peace Preservation Ordinance will

not have to be called into operation

again for a very long time to come. A

suitable opportunity therefore presents

itself to make a slight amendment in

the procedure under the Ordinance

which recent occurrences prove to be

reasonably necessary. We refer more

particularly to the element of secrecy

which now surrounds the issue of a

banishment order under the provisions of

the Peace Preservation Ordinance. It

was principally this secrecy which

gave rise to much of the hubbub,

particularly among the Chinese. Very

few were aware of the line of procedure

adopted, nor were the critics of the

Government prepared to allow that each

case was fairly considered and tried by

the Governor-in-Council before being

finally passed upon. Our present

Governor is not a man who would sanction

any hole-and-corner business what-

soever, but this consideration was en-

tirely lost sight of in the angry discus-

sions which the banishment orders

evoked. All the public knew was that

certain men had been banished and they

did not know how it had come about,

and when Rumour with her busy, un-

scrupulous tongue began to speak of

two hundred others being warned that

they were on the list, most bitter

denunciations were uttered against the

Government and certain of its leading

officials. All this unpleasantness and un-

necessary friction could be avoided

in the future, we firmly believe,

if the examination of the written

evidence now presented in these

cases by the Captain-Superintendent

of Police to the Governor-in-Council

was conducted in an open Court of law.

The suspected men would have the same

facilities for clearing themselves and

bringing rebutting evidence as they

have now, but the veil of secrecy would

be entirely withdrawn and the public

would be satisfied that everything was

square and above board. We commend

this suggestion to the Government with

all due deference in the interests alike

of the commercial community as well as

of the officials whose business it is

to administer the Ordinances of the

Colony.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Allice

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acknowledge with thanks the following

donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—

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It has been decided to hold the meet-

ings of the International Opium Con-

ference, which is to meet in Shanghai on

the 1st February next year, in the Danqu-

ing Hall of the Palace Hotel.

The American Government demands

from Congress an appropriation of four

million dollars for the repairs of the bat-

tle-ship fleet immediately after its return

from the cruise around the world.

A Peking dispatch states that the

Ministry of Agriculture, Works and Com-

merce has granted to two merchants, named

Wang and Li, the monopoly of manufactur-

ing and refining sugar in the three provinces

of Manchuria for ten years.

What effect the closing of the Parli-

ament has upon the attendance at Japan-

ese race-meetings is disclosed in the annual

report of the Nippon Race Club of Yok-

ohama which says:—"The Autumn Meeting

of the Club was held under very trying

circumstances owing to the closing of the

Parliament by the Government, the result

of this act of the responsible authorities

being that all prize-money had to be con-

siderably reduced and the income from

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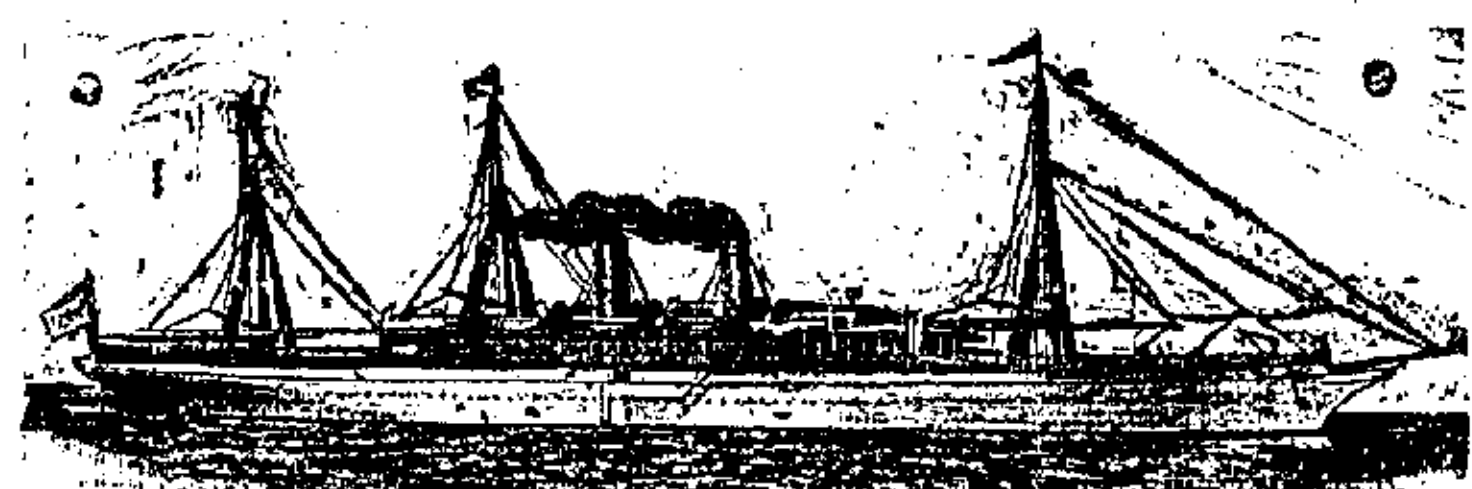
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DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	SAILING DATE, 1909.
MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID.	SADO MARU, Capt. Geo. Anderson, Tons 6227	WEDNESDAY, 6th Jan., at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C., AND SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KODE, NYANZA, AND YOKOHAMA.	BINGO MARU, Capt. A. Christensen, Tons 6247	WEDNESDAY, 20th Jan., at Daylight.
SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KODE, NYANZA, AND YOKOHAMA.	SHINANO MARU, Capt. K. Kawa, Tons 6385	TUESDAY, 5th Jan., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, AND PORT SAID.	TANGO MARU, Capt. Wm. Thompson, Tons 4633	TUESDAY, 19th Jan., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, AND PORT SAID.	KUMANO MARU, Capt. N. Matheson, Tons 6076	FRIDAY, Jan. 22, at Noon, 1909.
YOKOHAMA, BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, AND PORT SAID.	YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, Tons 5817	FRIDAY, 19th Feb., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, AND PORT SAID.	TAKASAKI MARU, Capt. A. Mooker, Tons 4370	WEDNESDAY, 30th Dec., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, AND PORT SAID.	WAKAMURA MARU, Capt. T. Yamashita, Tons 4281	MONDAY, 4th Jan., at Daylight.
YOKOHAMA, BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, AND PORT SAID.	AWA MARU, Capt. A. Keith, Tons 6309	WEDNESDAY, 13th Jan., at Daylight.
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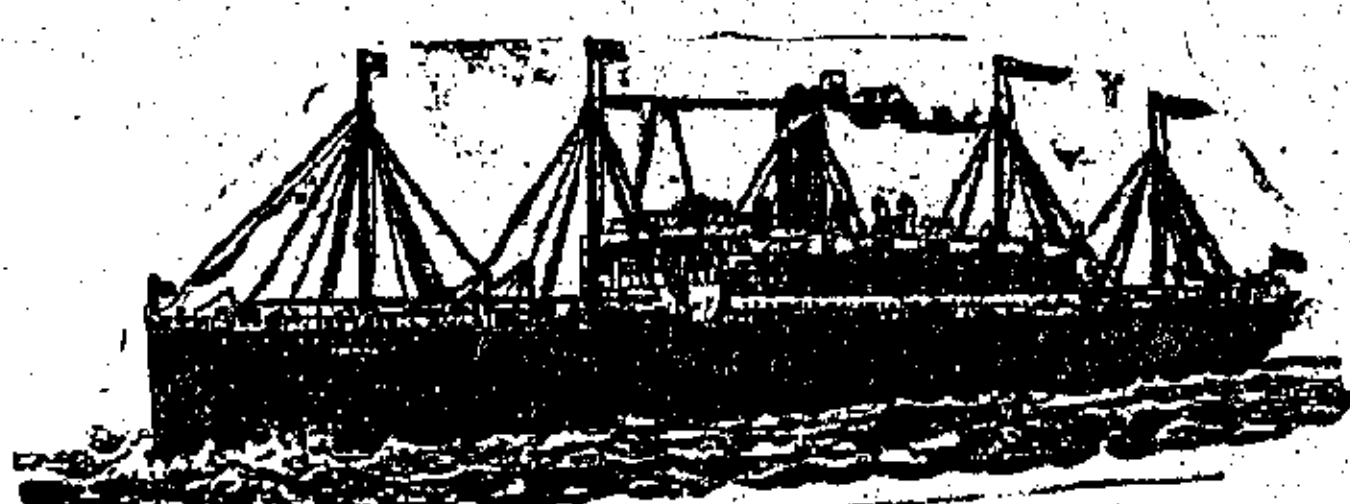
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AMOY & SHANGHAI.	YUNKAI	Dec. 31, at Noon.
SHANGHAI, CHEFOO & DALNY.	HANYANG	Dec. 30, at 4 p.m.
HAIKOW.	CHIMU	Dec. 31, at Noon.
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MANILA, YAP, NEW GUINEA, SAMARAI, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.	PRINZ WALDEMAR, Capt. F. Iske.	THURSDAY, 1st Dec., at 5 p.m.
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CHINESE RAILWAYS AND FINANCE.

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